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PHOENIX SERENADE IS RECRUITING!
YOU STILL HAVEN'T RELEASED THE NEW CHAPTER?!
WHAT? NO WAY!
...
MY BISHIES! MY CUTE HEROINES! THEY'RE LEAVING ME!
NOO!!
DON'T LEAVE ME! COME BACK!!!!!
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CHAPTER 3

**The most annoying thing about writing this no-head story is...**

**How strongly people are responding to the fairy-tale element...**

Sigh...

What should I do?
Actually now, because of this fairy-tale fad, I can't stop writing this.
Somebody stop me...

Well I like the king as much as Lilia...
He is an idiot. I am a servant to the king, myself, because I have to draw all his detailed clothing

Well, let's leave the jokes aside.

A basic profile of the three sisters.

Peridot, the oldest, a scold, smart, and the king's right hand.

Aquamarine, the youngest, easily excited, kind, talkative.

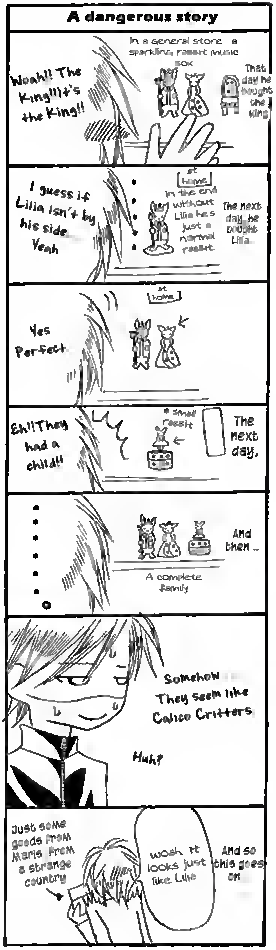
Garnet, middle sister, demonic, strong sense of justice, the strongest (of the three sisters)

These three...
are problem children, don't you think?

Actually, they were characters I wasn't going to draw but they seem to appear a lot...and they always appear together

They increase the manga's number of characters. Their facial expressions are really hard to draw.
And I have to draw lots of complicated accessories for them, (crying)...but...

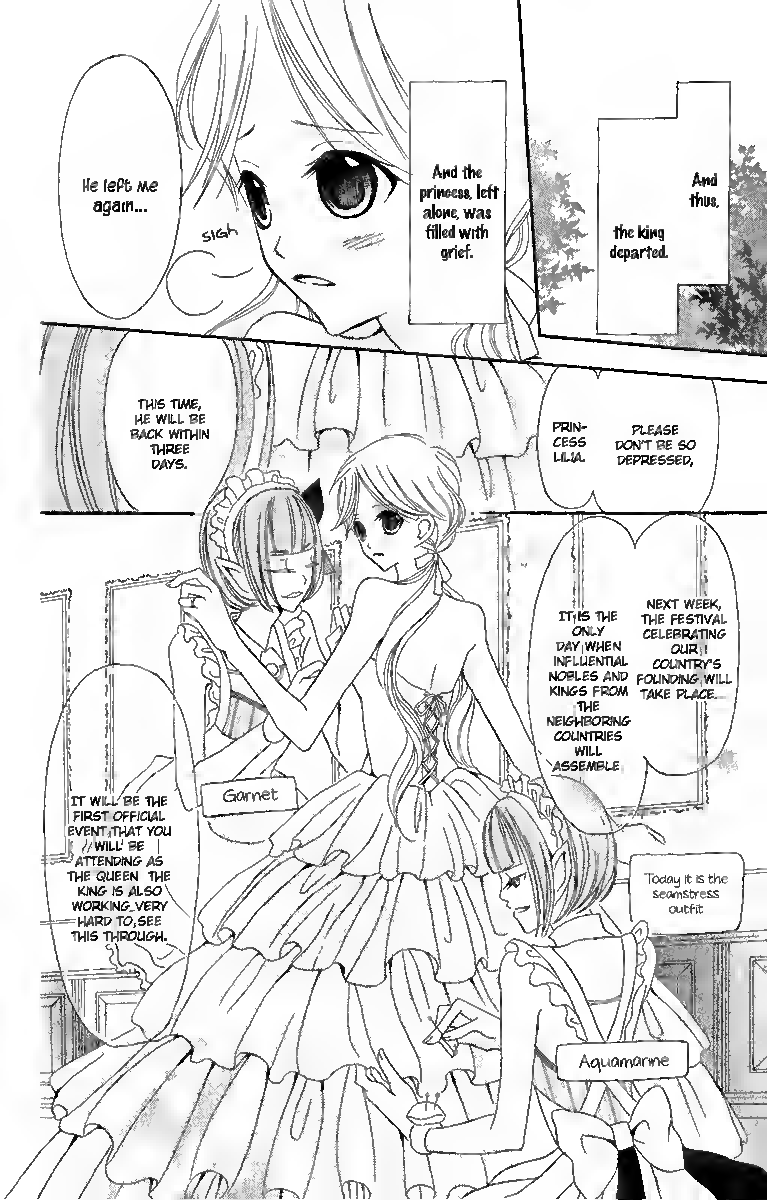
I'm the one who made them this way so there's no use complaining...!!
Still, drawing these sisters does make me cry quite often.


A dangerous story
In a general store a sparkling rabbit music box
Woah!! The King!!! It's the King!!
That day he bought the king
at home
In the end they're without Lilia he's just a normal rabbit
I guess if Lilia isn't by his side Yeah
The next day he dislikes Lilia...
at home
Yes Perfect
Eh!! They had a child!!
a stupid rabbit
The next day,
And then...
A complete family
Somehow They seem like Calico Critters
Huh?
Just some goods from Mania from a strange country
woah, it looks just like Lilia
And so this goes on

This story takes place in a peaceful country ruled by a king with great magical powers.
Then.
Is it okay if I don't take your head with me when I take a bath?
hmm
Age: 160 years
You must not undress in front of the head.
.....
The king who had attended 3662 marriage interviews...
explanation
Since my head had been taken off, it hasn't changed
so it doesn't need a bath and
explanation
Your High-ness...

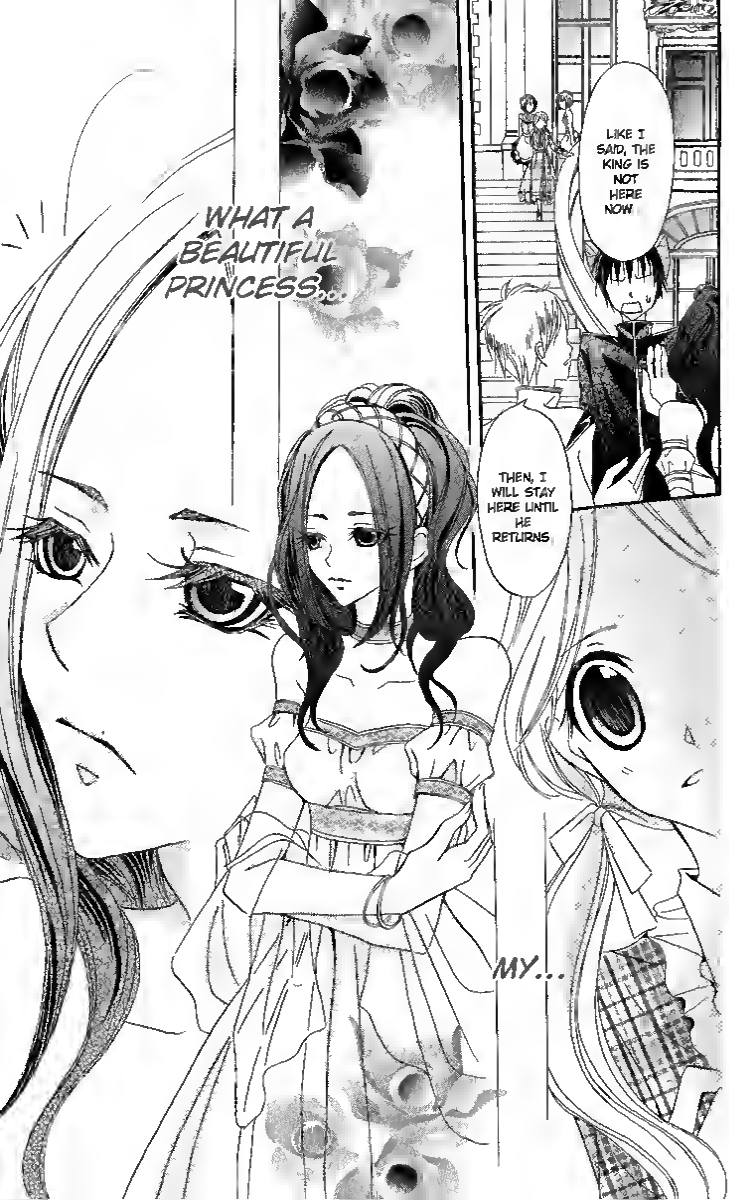
Did something happen with your head?
silence
He had finally married the 15 year old princess Lilia.
THAT WHEN PRINCESS LILIA TOOK HIS HEAD WITH HER INTO THE BATH, IT REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS, SO...
HE CAN'T SAY IT, CAN HE.
EW! Your Highness!
stomp stomp turn
He's running away to his carriage!
huff
What's the matter
Your Highness...
disappointed
You want to get away from me that badly

Everyone feared The 'Headless King'
...
But the Queen
touched
Your Highness...
That's not fair!
I'll end up missing you even more!!
hug!
Loved him greatly
That stupid couple.
EVERY TIME HE LEAVES, THEY ACT LIKE THEY'RE NEVER GONNA SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN...
It's just a three day trip


And thus, the king departed.
And the princess, left alone, was filled with grief.
He left me again...
sigh
PRINCESS LILIA. PLEASE DON'T BE SO DEPRESSED,
THIS TIME, HE WILL BE BACK WITHIN THREE DAYS.
NEXT WEEK, THE FESTIVAL CELEBRATING OUR COUNTRY'S FOUNDING WILL TAKE PLACE.
IT IS THE ONLY DAY WHEN INFLUENTIAL NOBLES AND KINGS FROM THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES WILL ASSEMBLE.
Garnet
IT WILL BE THE FIRST OFFICIAL EVENT THAT YOU WILL BE ATTENDING AS THE QUEEN. THE KING IS ALSO WORKING VERY HARD TO SEE THIS THROUGH.
Today it is the seamstress outfit
Aquamarine

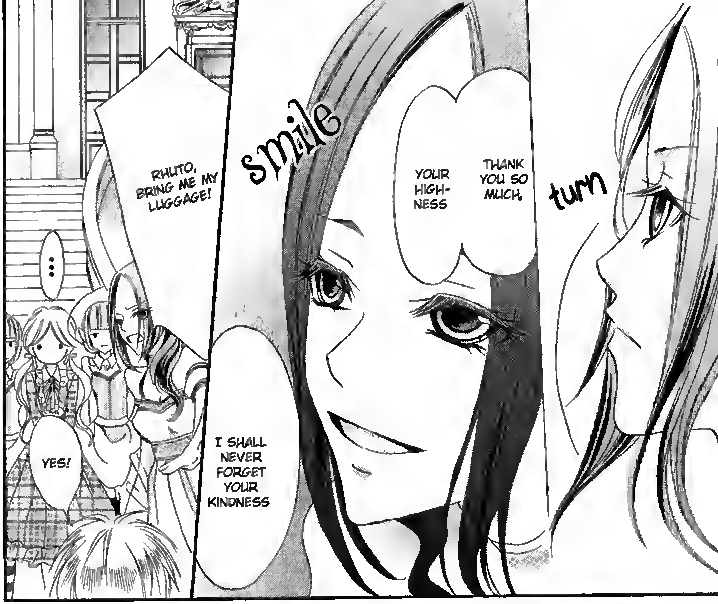
YOU WILL GET TO BE TOGETHER WITH HIM ALL THROUGHOUT THE PREPARATIONS AND THE CEREMONY!
gasp
Together the whole time...
gasp!
Wah, how wonderful!!
daze
holding hands
sitting on his lap
HOW IS SHE SO IN LOVE WITH HIM?
That weirdo King
Marriage interviews?
Ah, PERIDOT.
triplets
THIS IS BAD! EVEN THOUGH THE KING ISN'T HAVING ANY MORE MARRIAGE INTERVIEWS.
THAT'S RIGHT, PRINCESS LILIA
THERE'S TROUBLE!!
BANG!
Peridot

IT'S THE PRINCESS FROM GAZENS, THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRY.
EVEN THOUGH THE KING IS NO LONGER LOOKING FOR A BRIDE, SHE CAME HERE SAYING THAT SHE WANTS TO HAVE A MARRIAGE INTERVIEW.
GAZENS? I DON'T LIKE THIS!
ISN'T THAT THAT MEDDLESOME COUNTRY THAT HAS KEPT ON SENDING US GENERATIONS OF ANNOYING PRINCESSES?
SHE'S STILL A GUEST.
WE CAN'T JUST TELL HER TO GO BACK.
hmmm
Stare
Please!
Eh?
That's right.
I'm the queen so...if the king is not here, I make the decisions.
I will see her.

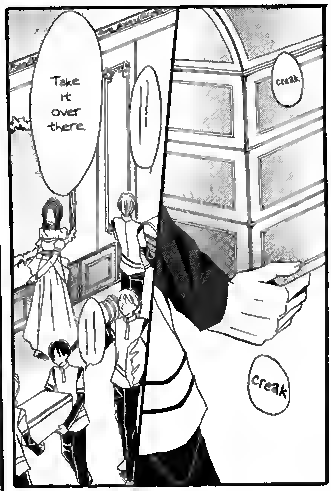

LIKE I SAID, THE KING IS NOT HERE NOW
THEN, I WILL STAY HERE UNTIL HE RETURNS
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS...
MY...

SURPRISED
MY QUEEN!!
PLEASE EXCUSE ME FOR THE RUDENESS OF ADDRESSING YOU WITHOUT FIRST INTRODUCING MYSELF
BUT
THERE IS NO ONE ELSE I CAN TURN TO, YOUR HIGHNESS...
teary
She scared me
WHAT IS IT? YOU'RE BEING RUDE
The sisters are all fighters
sob
sob
wha-
What is the matter?
IF MY FATHER WERE TO FIND OUT THAT
I WAS NOT ABLE TO SEE HIS HIGHNESS,
I WOULD BE SEVERELY PUNISHED.

EHH!!
Punished?
THAT'S A TOTAL LIE, RIGHT?
SHE'S FAKING IT.
THOSE ARE TOTALLY FAKE TEARS.
Is that so...That must be so painful for you..
from her own father
UNTIL HIS HIGHNESS RETURNS PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME.
AHH!!! SHE'S WAY TO NICE!!


smile
turn
RIHITO, BRING ME MY LUGGAGE!
YOUR HIGH-NESS
THANK YOU SO MUCH.
I SHALL NEVER FORGET YOUR KINDNESS
YES!

When I got married, I brought one bag with me.
Amazing!
THAT'S EVEN MORE THAN PRINCESS LILIA BROUGHT WHEN SHE MOVED IN!
WHAT IS SHE TRYING TO DO, MOVE IN?

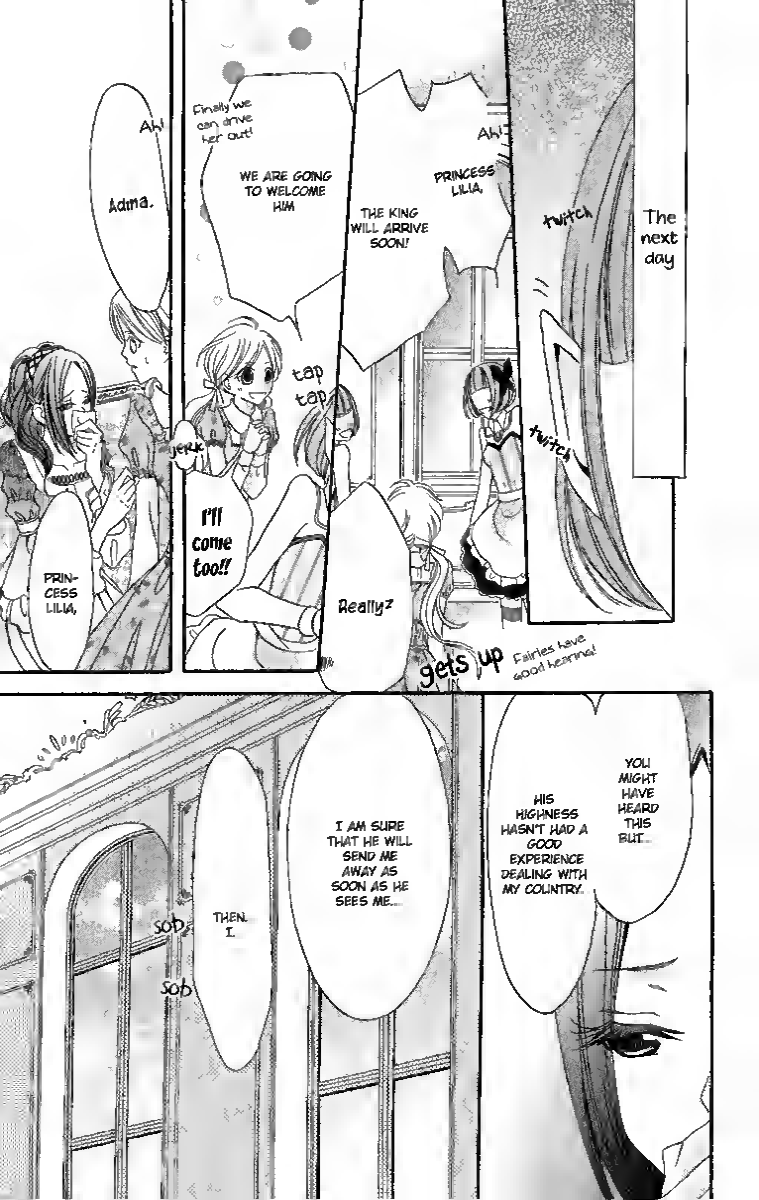

Take it over there.
creak
creak

teatime
THIS IS A FANTASTIC CASTLE, ISN'T IT?
THERE ISN'T ANY OTHER CASTLE IN THE WORLD AS FABULOUS AS THIS ONE.
That's true! When I moved in, I was so surprised!
Even now I get lost inside, on account of the size.
Eldest Princess of Gazens, Adina (17 years old)
But it's incredible!
These three sisters always manage to find me.
Rattle
IT'S BECAUSE WE'RE EXPERTS IN FINDING PEOPLE!
They actually have a surveillance mirror just for finding the princess.
YOUR HIGHNESS,
IT WOULD SEEM THAT YOU ARE ALLOWING THE SERVANTS TO JOIN US FOR TEA?
shock
Eh?
HMM ?

AH!
I guess in your country it's different.
In my home country, there were very few people who served us, so we all lived like a family.
poor homeland
harmonious atmosphere
totally peaceful
This country because the king hates them few people
Even in this country, I think of them as my older sisters.
THAT'S WHY,
I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH FOR YOU TO SEE THEM THAT WAY, AS WELL.
I'm sure you can get along.
smile
TOUCHED
PRINCESS LILIA..
AH
Adina,
His Highness will be back tomorrow.
I'm SO happy!
OH
IS THAT RIGHT ?
PISSED
ムッカ
DISAPPROVING FACE
Yes...

YOUR HIGHNESS, YOU REFER TO YOUR HUSBAND AS 'HIS HIGHNESS'?
IS THAT A HABIT OF YOURS ?
IF HIS BELOVED PRINCESS LILIA WERE TO CALL HIS HIGHNESS BY NAME,
oh!
THERE WOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM, SINCE
Aah!
You're right. It has been a habit ever since I met him.
I just got used to calling him 'His Highness'.
RETALIATION
SHE'S HIS WIFE, AND NOT A TOTAL STRANGER.
...by name,
But His Highness' name is..
extremely long
SAN JANSEN TURIS LA FONDITY GASTON MARGARET DE NEDER KASUTAR REIFORD BANFARIE...

Which name should I use?
.....
THAT IS BECAUSE IN OUR COUNTRY, THE KING INHERITS ALL THE NAMES OF THE PREVIOUS KINGS
Reiford...
PRINCESS LILIA, HIS HIGHNESS' OWN NAME IS REIFORD.
...oh what a wonderful name.
daze
YOU! MORE TEA!
irritated
HURRY ON BACK, YOUR HIGHNESS!!
Your Highness, come back soon...
I want to keep calling him Reiford.
different people waiting for the king for different reasons


The next day
twitch
twitch
Ah!
PRINCESS LILIA,
THE KING WILL ARRIVE SOON!
Ah!
WE ARE GOING TO WELCOME HIM
Finally we can drive her out!
Adma.
tap tap
jerk
I'll come too!!
PRIN-CESS LILIA,
Really?
gets up
Fairies have good hearing!
YOU MIGHT HAVE HEARD THIS BUT...
HIS HIGHNESS HASN'T HAD A GOOD EXPERIENCE DEALING WITH MY COUNTRY.
I AM SURE THAT HE WILL SEND ME AWAY AS SOON AS HE SEES ME...
THEN. I.
sob
sob

IF ONLY YOU COULD OFFER ME A CHANCE TO SPEAK TO HIS HIGHNESS...
.....
His Highness has returned!
Squeak
WELCOME BACK, YOUR HIGHNESS.
Your Highness...

IN THEIR OWN WORLD
eager
eager
WELCOME HOME!!
Restraining to embrace him...
Because his Highness will be surprised
pat pat
YOUR HIGH-NESS!!
THERE'S NO TIME FOR THIS!!
A little irritated by the interruption
THE PRINCESS OF GAZENS IS HERE FOR A MARRIAGE INTERVIEW!!
THAT ANNOYING KINGDOM'S ANNOYING PRINCESS!!

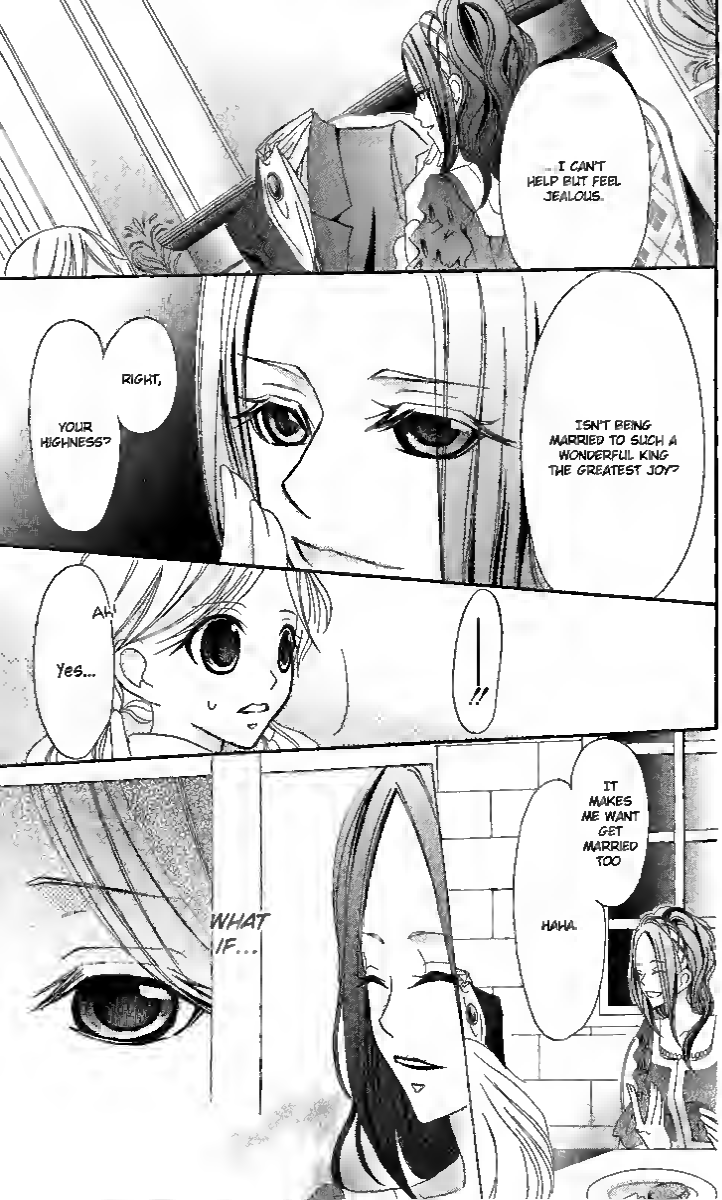
I WILL SEND HER AWAY RIGHT NOW...
yeek
yeek
Your Highness,
?
Your Highness...
If you send Princess Adina back right away her father will punish her, so...
Your Highness,
You won't just drive her away right?
...
nod
JEEZ! THIS IDIOT WIFE!!

AND IT WAS THUS THAT THE KING MET THE PRINCESS OF GAZENS...
She really is an obnoxious Princess
I GUESS... BUT...
AFTER ALL, ONCE SHE MEETS HIM IN PERSON, SHE'LL GO BACK HOME.
IF SHE MET THE KING, SHE WOULD DEFINITELY GO RUNNING BACK HOME...
OPENS
PRINCESS ADINA
IT IS A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS,
THE KING OF BANFORIA
The 'Headless King' who everyone feared
That is what everyone thought
I AM THE ELDEST PRINCESS OF GAZENS,
PRINCESS ADINA

IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE.
TO FINALLY MEET YOU.
EH!!
THAT CAN'T BE!
In the 3662 marriage interviews that he had attended...
AH!
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?
Smile

At dinner
FANFORIA IS INDEED A BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY.
Ohoho
AND IT IS ALL THANKS TO ITS KING
THAT IT CAN REMAIN SO PEACEFUL AND ABUNDANT.
SHE JUST PLOPPED HERSELF DOWN THERE!
WHY IS SHE ACROSS FROM PRINCESS LILIA?
Only Queen Lilia.
Ah..!
Until now, there had only been one Princess who was not afraid of the headless king...

"I AM NOT WORTHY OF SUCH PRAISE
YES
GAZENS HAS MANY POLITICAL ADVANTAGES THAT MUST BE CONSIDERED,
ESPECIALLY OUR MARINE PROCESSING FACILITIES, WHICH DO NOT EXIST IN OUR NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES."
IS WHAT HIS MAJESTY SAYS.
!!
INDEED.
MY COUNTRY, WHICH FACES THE RYA SEA, HAS A PROSPEROUS MARINE TRADE, AS WELL.
I AM SURE THAT IF BOTH OF OUR COUNTRIES WERE TO UNITE, IT COULD ADVANCE EVEN MORE
"INDEED. A UNION WITH YOUR COUNTRY WOULD PROVE TO BE VERY POWERFUL."
HOHO
OH MY!


...I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL JEALOUS.
ISN'T BEING MARRIED TO SUCH A WONDERFUL KING THE GREATEST JOY?
RIGHT, YOUR HIGHNESS?
AH! Yes...
!!
IT MAKES ME WANT GET MARRIED TOO
HAHA.
WHAT IF...

WHAT IF...
HE MIGHT HAVE CHOSEN HER...
SHE HAD MET THE KING BEFORE ME?
Say, Garnet...
before going to bed making her bed
In this country...
How many wives is the king allowed to have?
.....
PRINCESS LILIA...

YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THINGS LIKE THAT.
HIS HIGHNESS HAS NO INTENTION OF HAVING A WIFE OTHER THAN YOU, PRINCESS LILIA.
IT'S TRUE THAT THE PREVIOUS KING HAD MANY CONCUBINES, BUT...
BECAUSE HIS HIGHNESS HIMSELF IS THE SON OF A CONCUBINE, HE DOES NOT WANT FOR CONCUBINES
.....
HIS HIGHNESS WILL BE SAD, AS WELL
IF YOU LOOK THIS SAD...
Right!
I'M GOING TO DO MY BEST!!
BEING CHEERFUL IS MY MOST REDEEMING FEATURE!
YOU'RE RIGHT!!
clench
From tomorrow onwards, I can be with the king for the preparations!
can't wait!
yes.
THAT'S RIGHT!

SIGH.
.....
Good night.
then
GOOD NIGHT, PRINCESS LILIA.
YOUR HIGHNESS, HERE IS THE SCHEDULE FROM TOMORROW ONWARDS
the seal
rattle
rattle
WE HAVE RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM MINISTER RISE, ASKING FOR AN AUDIENCE...
I WILL SEE HIM AFTER THE CEREMONY

Wha...
DO YOU NEED SOMETHING?
PRINCESS ADINA!
.....
IT'S JUST THAT WE DIDN'T REALLY GET TO TALK MUCH BEFORE...
...NO.
...YOUR HIGHNESS...
touch
YOUR HIGHNESS

YOUR HIGHNESS...
I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU AT FIRST SIGHT!
Hyaaa!
I WILL NOT ASK YOU TO MAKE ME QUEEN
EVEN IF I'M NOT YOUR NUMBER ONE, I WOULDN'T MIND
I'M CERTAIN I WON'T BORE YOU
.....

snap
!
pulls out
SLAM!
Wha-?

tap
tap
swish
Ah!
Wait!
DON'T GET THE WRONG IMPRESSION.
THE ONLY REASON YOU'RE STILL HERE IS BECAUSE LILIA FELT BAD FOR YOU.
...IS WHAT HIS HIGHNESS SAYS.
!!

IF YOU UNDER-STAND, THEN LEAVE.
!!
...AND THAT'S HOW IT IS.
JUST WHAT I WOULD EXPECT FROM A PRINCESS FROM GAZENS...
How shameless

THAT COUNTRY WILL NEVER CHANGE.
TO GO THIS FAR
TO USE SUCH DIRTY TRICKS!..
YOU TWO,
INVESTI-GATE THE POLITICAL CONDITION OF GAZENS.
bow
YES, SIR.
Aaah !
What's wrong with that headless idiot!!
How can he ignore my beauty?
Is he a loticon?
pat!

Ah!
I'M SORRY, PRINCESS
RHUTO, THAT'S NOT FUNNY!!
I SEE. SO HE REALLY IS IN LOVE WITH PRINCESS LILIA
hahal
Oh
THAT'S RIGHT!
Hmm.
TO GIVE UP ON YOUR PLAN TO STEAL THE KING'S HEART.
In any case...
I GUESS IT WOULD BE BEST
JUST BEING HERE IS A VALUABLE EXPERIENCE.
THIS COUNTRY IS FULL OF MYSTERIES, EVEN ASIDE FROM THE FACT THAT ITS KING REFUSED TO MARRY FOR 100 YEARS.
BUT WILL THE KING ACCEPT ANOTHER GIRL SO EASILY?
HOW ABOUT YOU TRY TO GET ALONG WITH PRINCESS LILIA?

AFTER ALL, THE MARRIAGE TO PRINCESS LILIA IS JUST A POLITICAL ONE.
SHE'S MAKING A SACRIFICE, JUST LIKE YOU.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
THERE'S NO WAY SHE'S ACTUALLY IN LOVE WITH THAT 'HEADLESS' FOOL.
LET'S TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HER PITY, THEN.
LET'S TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT FOOLISH PRINCESS.
TO BE CONTINUED